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## Big Cypress Press Release

### **Proposed Burns Lake Trail and Related Facilities to be Planned within Preserve**

Big Cypress National Preserve is seeking funding through the Florida State Office of Greenways and Trails *Recreational Trails Program*, and the Division of Forestry *T. Mark Schmidt Off-Highway Vehicle Program* to continue further implementation of the Preserve's 2000 *Off-Road Vehicle Recreational Access Plan*. The proposed project requests, if awarded, will be used to develop an appropriate parking area; provide orientation and information; restroom facilities; backcountry camping facilities; and stabilization and designation of the Burns Lake Trail.

The Burns Lake Trail is located within the Turner River Unit on the west side of the Preserve. This trail was identified as part of the conceptual trail network within the 2000 Plan.

For those interested in this project there will be information available from 8:00 - 9:00 p.m. following the Preserve's ORV Advisory Board meeting on March 18 which will be held at the Everglades City Community Center, 205 Buckner Avenue, Everglades City, Florida.

More details of the proposed action will be posted on the National Park Service's Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at - <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> following the meeting.

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